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ISSUE REGULATIONS TO IMPROVE LOCAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

In a recent resolution, the Hungarian Council of Ministers issued directives for the improvement and coordination of local council administration. The resolution provides that each minister is personally responsible for all instructions issued by his department to the local councils. Cooperation between the ministries and the executives of the local councils must be organized better. For this purpose, the department chiefs of county councils must meet with the department chiefs of the ministries regularly.

The local councils are to organize their activities on the basis of an agenda prepared 3 months in advance. Each agenda is submitted for approval to the executive committee of the local council. Execution of the approved agenda is mandatory and is supervised. The ministries are required to help the county councils, including the Budapest City Council, in determining council tasks and duties.

The resolution also regulates the relationship between county, district, and town councils, and provides that communications between these agencies rust be channeled through the respective chiefs. A county council will not be permitted to issue instructions to the departments of a lower-echelon council, except through the chief of the latter agency.

With a view to raising the standards of the local councils, as many of their employees as possible should be given specialized training. Foremost in this respect is the training of district and town council employees.

The president of the executive committee of each local council is personally responsible for the execution of directives and orders issued by higher-echelon authorities. Sanctions for the violation of discipline are to be published in the daily press.

As a rule, department chiefs of local councils should be employed in their particular fields only. However, in case of important tasks of national scope, such as harvesting, etc., the council of ministers may order temporary reassignment of local council employees for such tasks.

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